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5 In re Application of: Schreck) Group Art Unit: 3738
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10 For: MINIMALLY-INVASIVE HEART VALVES)
WITH WIREFORMS)
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

20 Dear Sir:

The present application is a continuation of Serial No. 10/185,812, filed June 28, 2002. The title and claims are being changed, and the priority claim updated. Those changes are reflected in the attached application document, and the specific changes to the priority claim are shown below.

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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

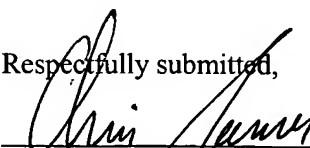
The "Related Applications" section on page 1 is replaced with:

30 The present application claims priority from U.S. Application Serial No. 10/185,812, filed June 28, 2002, which claims priority from U.S. Application Serial No. 09/549,413, entitled "MINIMALLY- INVASIVE HEART VALVES AND METHODS OF USE," filed April 6, 2000, and now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,454,799.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-21 that were filed in the parent case have been replaced with claims 1-17 as seen in the 35 application document.

Respectfully submitted,


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